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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING MULTIPLE ANALYTES [Corresponding to PCT/EP00/07529 Filed August 3, 2000] THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0875

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- c. [X] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 2-7,
- d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

GB 2,276,635A corresponds to German Patent DE 4410 258 A1.

5. [] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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